Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy (*Inspector-General of Police*) : (*a*) 3.

(*b*) 1112—47,
1113—29.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know the number of under trial prisoners, kept in the Nemom Station, who have escaped ?

Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : I submit, Sir, that that does not arise from the interpellation.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know whether the Nemom Police station has a lock-up ?

Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy. No.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know the number of under-trial prisoners who have escaped from there ?

President : That does not arise under this question ; honourable member may put another question and get the answer.

Memorial from the toddy and arrack shop contractors of the Kalkulam taluk.

3. **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to State :

(*a*) whether they have received any memorial from the toddy and arrack shop contractors of the Kalkulam taluk ; and

(*b*) if so, what action was taken thereon ?

Mr. M. P. Joseph (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The memorial has been rejected.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know the reasons which weighed with the Excise Commissioner in rejecting the memorials

Mr. M. P. Joseph : General economic depression was the main ground urged in the memorial. Since the depression was prevalent even when the contract was entered into, the memorial was rejected.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I ask whether, under similar circumstances, concessions have been granted to any other Government contractor ?

Mr. M. P. Joseph : No, Sir.

Irrigation tanks in the Neyyattinkara and Vilavancod taluks.

4. **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to state the amount, if any, spent for the restoration of irrigation tanks in the Neyyattinkara and Vilavankod taluks for the last three years ?

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Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: The amount of the expenditure is as follows :—

	1111	1112	1113
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Vilavankod ...	4,929	10,245	11,748
Neyyattinkara...	7,325	7,183	13,950

Cocoanut cultivation in Travancore.

5. **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have thought of any definite scheme by which the deplorable condition of the cocoanut cultivation of the State could be improved ;

(*b*) what steps they have taken to protect Travancore cocoanut cultivators from the unhealthy competition from Ceylon ; and

(*c*) whether their attention has been drawn to the several steps that were taken by the Ceylon Government to promote the welfare of the cocoanut cultivators and to protect the cocoanut industry in Ceylon ; if so whether they have considered the advisability of taking those steps in this State also?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*c*) The whole question is engaging the attention of Government.

(*b*) Representations have been made to the Government of India on the subject.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

6. **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state the stage the Pallivasal scheme has reached, and when the work will be completed?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: The scheme is nearing completion and it is expected that, except the main Head Works, the work will be completed and power supplied by December 1939.

Statement, by caste, of Police Inspectors and Sub Inspectors appointed by the Inspector-General of Police.

7. **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement, by caste, of Police Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors, appointed by the Inspector-General of Police, showing separately the number promoted from the department and the number recruited from without?

Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: No Inspector or Sub-Inspector of Police has been appointed by the Inspector General of Police.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I ask whether any Inspector or Sub-Inspector has been appointed since the present Inspector General of Police took charge of the department?

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